



## Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.  
THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY  
AND OPERA COMPANY.  
Director—Messrs. P. W. WILLARD  
AND JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

THIS EVENING,  
24th December, 1888.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT  
TO MR. J. A. ROBERTSON,  
(Minister, Director).  
GREAT SCOTTISH FESTIVAL,  
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
HON. P. KYRIE AND  
THE HON. KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

A night at home—a night with Burns,  
Reunion of Scotsmen,  
Reception to the 1st Highlanders,  
when will be produced  
“THE BONNIE FISHWIFE.”  
CHARACTERS BY THE CLOTHES  
in which will be Sung.  
A Man's a Man for a' that—Mr. Satch  
Callie Herring, Miss Whiteford  
And Robin Gray, Do.  
Jessie the Flower of the North—Mr. Parker  
Maggie Lander, Sheridan  
DOUBLE HIGHLAND FLING  
Mr. Sheridan & Miss Whiteford.

Mrs. Fraser-Smith and Miss Stoyani  
have kindly consented to give their assistance and will sing—  
Duet—“O wot thou in the cauld blast”  
(Mendelsohn).

Robin Adair—Mrs. Fraser-Smith,  
The year that's awa—Miss Stoyani.

Mr. Fraser-Smith  
has kindly consented to recite

Charles Edward at Versailles  
on the Anniversary of Culloden.

Sword Dance—Misses Adeline  
Hedge, William Duncan  
Piper—J. McLean.

During the Evening the following Songs  
will be sung—

“My love is like a red, red rose” Mr. A. Satch  
“Corn Rigs” Sheridan

“Kate Dalynby” Do.

“Three Little BRIDESMAIDS”  
(By Special Desire).

TUROLETTE AND DANCE,  
composed by Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON

Charlie is my darling—Miss Levington

Flora MacDonald's Lament—Morrison

There's a nook about the  
house—Patty

“Gae bring to me a pint o'  
wine—Mr. Imray

Bonnie Dundee—Fisher

Scotch Lassie Jean—Fisher

Macgregor's Gathering—Copp

Mary of Argyle—Do.

Prices of Admission:  
Dress Circle and Special Stalls—\$3.  
Stalls—2.  
Pit—1.  
The Play may be seen and Seats secured  
at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PEMBERTON W. WILLARD,  
Hongkong; December 24, 1888. 2176

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL  
ITALIAN CIRCUS AND  
MENAGERIE,  
AT BOWRINGTON,  
OPEN  
Every Night,  
At 8, commencing 9 p.m. sharp.

Saturdays, 2 Performances,  
Doors open at 8, and commences at 3.30 p.m.

To-night,  
24th December, 1888.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE  
OF PROGRAMME.

NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES.

NEW SENSATIONAL ACTS.

NEW HORSES EDUCATED IN BOTH  
SCHOOLS

NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE  
SCENES.

SIGNOR CHIARINI for the first time  
will make a laudable effort in his famous  
and highly educated Horse, “SYDNEY,” demon-  
strating movements and evolutions of the  
hippo School now shown before in  
Hongkong by any other Horse.

For the first time this Season the terrific  
and interesting scene of the ROYAL  
BENGAL TIGERS, and the tamer, Mr. J.  
F. LEWIS, in the telescopic cage arm and arm  
with the brute, having a pup Tiger  
among the lot.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!  
Boxes with 6 Chairs—\$9.00  
Single Chairs in Boxes—1.50  
Dress Circle Chairs—1.00  
Carpet Seats—0.60  
Gallery—0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the  
Gallery, 20 Cents. To all other parts of  
the house Half-Price.

L. MAYA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2123

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP OXUS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London  
or Steamship Timis and Manche,  
from Havre ex Steamship Manche,  
and from Bordeaux ex Steamship Frederic  
Marel and President Leroy Mallette, in  
connection with the above Steamer,  
are hereby informed that their Goods  
—with the exception of Opium, Treasure  
and Valuables—are being landed and  
stored at their risk at the Company's  
Godowns, which delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless  
instructions received from the Consignees  
before Noon To-day (Friday), requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after  
Friday the 28th instant, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent, and landing charges at  
one cent per packet per day.

All claims must be sent in to me on or  
before Monday the 31st instant, or they  
will not be recognized.

No fire insurance has been effected.

G. D. CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2123

## Notices to Consignees.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## THE S. S. Polyphemus, Capt. SCHAFER.

I having arrived from the above Ports,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested  
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature by the Undersigned, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon To-morrow, the 29th instant.Any cargo impeding her discharge will  
be loaded into the Godowns of the Row-  
Look Pier and Godown Quay and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.No claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
delivered undelivered after the 25th inst.  
will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods  
are to be left in the Godowns, where they  
will be examined on the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.  
No fire insurance has been effected.SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

## Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2123

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Co.'s Steamship  
Fukien.I, Captain Lewis, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at  
Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

## Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2123

## FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship  
Peking.I, Captain G. HEUERBANN,  
will be despatched for the above  
Port on FRIDAY, the 28th instant,  
at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

## Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2123

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

## December 23, 1888.

Actis, Danish steamer, 335, N. C. Rev-  
ock, Pakho December 20, and Hoilow 22,  
General.—ARNIOLD, KAHRS & Co.

## Yilang, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Nanking, British steamer, 308, R. Talbot,  
Manil December 20, General.—JADINE,  
MATTHEWS & Co.

## Pakho, Chinese steamer, from Singapore.

Fookang, British steamer, 991, W. E.  
Sawor, Shanghai December 19, and Swatow  
22, General.—JADINE, MATTHEWS & Co.Achein, German ship, 490, John Samuel  
Pakho December 18, and Hoilow 21,  
General.—WIEN & Co.

## December 24—

Colonel, American barque, 852, C. M.  
Noyes, Portland (Oregon) November 1,  
Lumber and Spars.—CAPTAIN.Vorwarts, German ship, 612, J. Bruhn,  
Touron December 21, General.—WIELER  
& Co.SAML. J. GOWER,  
Liquidator,  
Chinese Insurance Company, Ltd.,  
(in Liquidation).RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

## Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary,

## China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

## Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.

JOHN ANDREW,  
Agent.

## The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.

## The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

## Hongkong, December 24, 1888. 2120

## NOTICE.

## ARRIVED.

Per Actis, from Pakho, & 2 European  
and 28 Chinese.Per Nanking, from Manila, Mr. Dunlop,  
and 179 Chinese.Per Fookang, from Shanghai, 100 Chi-  
nese.

## Per Achein, from Pakho, 12 Chinese.

Per Colon, from Portland Oregon, Mrs. L.  
Gould, Messrs. A. Vanine, G. Strobridge,  
the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry,  
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius,  
Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.TICKETS OF CLOSING THE  
ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

## When the Tickets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in  
closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the  
English and French Packets, when they  
leave at Noon. The Money Order Office  
will be closed at 5 the day before.8.00 a.m.—Posting of Princeps Current and  
Circulars.Prices Current and Circulars may  
however be posted up to 10 o'clock  
if they are tied in bundles, country  
by country, with the address all  
one way.

## 10.00 a.m.—Registry coaches.

10.30 a.m.—Posting of Newspapers,  
Books, and Patterns ceases.

## 11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from  
11.10 a.m. with 10 cents) for up to  
11.30 a.m., after which hour they may  
be sent on Board with the same late  
Fee.

## DEPARTURES.

Per Fookang, from Hongkong; from  
Shanghai, Mr. Bell-Irving, Messrs. J.  
MacGregor, H. Norman, W. MacLean,  
W. B. Jamison, V. F. S. S. Oliver and 1  
infant, Mrs. McTavish, and 1 Chinese; from  
Yokohama, Mr. Soudzuki, From Singap.  
Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Rodendorf,  
Dr. and Mrs. W. Elderton; for Marilles,  
Mr. G. A. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Tallou,  
Messrs. H. Fues and Dascol. From Kobo:  
for Singapore, Mrs. Osay Becker, and Mr.  
Mori Chiyu. From Yokohama: for Marilles,  
Count Hino, Mr. Fujimura, General  
Horie, Capt. Watanabe, Messrs. Ed. Flou-  
rey and R. Clapard.

## CLEARED.

Per Yikang, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,  
the 27th inst.Per Peking, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 28th inst., instead of as previously  
notified.

## PASSENGERS.

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## SHARE LIST.&lt;/div

A 'Pick-up' cricket match will be commenced at 10.30 on Wednesday, the 26th instant. Members wishing to play will please sign the lists which are now lying on the Hongkong Club Anti-Room Table and in the Cricket Pavilion.

A singular affair occurred at New York on Nov. 22. During the performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, 'The Yeomen of the Guard,' one of the audience attracted attention by the singularity of his manner and movement. An investigation was made, and resulted in the discovery that he was the agent of a theatrical manager, and a phonograph, the means of which he was intending to steal the music of the opera. The machine was required to tell its own tale, and it gave a perfect reproduction of the unpublished score.

**FORMOSA.**—We are enabled to state with authority that the Island of Formosa will soon be the scene of enterprise and industry. On the recommendation of Liu Ming Chuan, Governor-General of Formosa, and another eminent person, whose name we are not at liberty to disclose, a concession has been made by the Emperor of China to Tong (a near relative of the Viceroy of Nanking) and another Chinese (also well related) for the development of the timber and mineral resources of Formosa, with the aid of foreigners of all nationalities. We believe the terms of the concession are very liberal.—*Japan Gazette.*

**JAPAN** papers to hand announce the death, on the 14th inst., at Yokohama, of Mr. L. W. Kuchler, H. B. M.'s Act. Vice-Consul at Tokio. Mr. Kuchler was a native of Edinburgh, and came to Japan ten years ago as a student interpreter, being attached in the first place to the Legation and later filling various posts in the Consulate in Yokohama. For a considerable period he acted also as Registrar of H. B. M.'s Court. He only remained a few months, from a twelve-month's visit home, and had barely entered upon the duties of his new appointment as Acting Vice-Consul in Tokio.

The Japanese tea crops show a considerable increase this year, partly owing to a better growth and partly to the fact that a wider area has been devoted to the cultivation of the plant. Generally the weather has been more favourable than during last year's season, although in some instances crops have been damaged by the elements. In a few towns however the cultivation of the tea plant has been replaced by agriculture. The estimated quantity of tea produced in Japan this year was 24,777,557 kwanmei, (a kwanmei is equal to about 8 lbs.), showing an increase of 3,748,485 kwanmei in comparison with last year's figure; prices, however, have not been so good.—*Japan Gazette.*

A WRITER in the *Ladies' Pictorial World* says:—That vexed question, men's evening dress, is again under discussion, and all the same pros and cons are being brought forward once more by the advocates of a change from the familiar funeral black suit. A contemporary gallantly remarks that women have 'had the monopoly of sumptuary elegance' quite long enough, but candidly admits that the sterner sex have the love of dress quite as firmly planted in their breasts as frivolous women. I am, of course, prepared to admit that the present evening attire adopted by men is not beautiful; but at the same time I think any attempt at the part of nineteenth-century males to don plush breeches and lace frills would promptly bring them into ridicule. A suggestion has been made that 'abbreviated stripes should be placed on the legs of trousers, that gents might be distinguished from servants, but if the only object of making a distinction in men's evening dress is to distinguish them from servants, by all means let them keep it as it is, and stand on the merits of their own personal appearance. Our men are too matter-of-fact nowadays, and too many, I may say, to dress themselves up in frills and 'turbulences, and certainly, for my own part, I would rather mistake my friends for servants than see them masquerading in silk and satin and other feminine fripperies.

#### ‘IOLANTHE’ AT THE CITY HALL.

There was again a crowded house at the second performance of ‘Iolanthe’ by the Choral Society, on Saturday evening. As on the previous occasion, the audience gave throughout the evening the most convincing evidence of their approbation. If their feeling towards the performers was that they ought to ‘do’ their virtues very kindly, and to their faults a little blind, it was a very proper feeling, surely. Otherwise the zealous amateur would soon become extinct, or else he would only perform to audiences as select as those who attend meetings of the Clan-na-Gael. As was to be expected, the performance on Saturday was an improvement on that of Thursday, and we doubt not that the other two which are to follow on the 19th and 20th of January next will be still better. That the chorus will excel over the very creditable work they have already done may be taken as a foregone conclusion. If Lord Tololer can arrange not to have a cold just then; if the Lord Chancellor will take great care of himself and not allow anything to interfere with his throat or his volatility, and if Iolanthe can be induced to assert herself a little more, the third and fourth performances will be all the more enjoyable. We hope the band will not suffer from a change of personnel caused by the departure of the 88th Regiment, but will be able to continue unweakened its invaluable support to the principals and chorus. Although a good deal of the necessary lightness and playfulness which ought to characterize the opera were still lacking on Saturday night, the defect was not so obvious as on the first performance. The choruses were sung with spirit and refinement; the orchestra might have been a little more crisp; and greater attention might have been paid to phrasing, but on the whole these defects were but slight. The quality of voice was excellent, and there were abundant evidences of careful and intelligent study of the score. The instrumentalists from the band of the 88th Regiment who assisted the members of the Society, rendered most praiseworthy service. Mr. Lammer, as pianist, was a host in himself. The dresses and the scenery were very much admired, as they certainly deserved to be.

Concerning the principals, it is scarcely necessary to add anything to what we said on Friday last. Some of them who, on the first performance, did not appear to have quite caught the spirit of the opera or who were embarrassed by nervousness, were seen to better advantage on Saturday night, but there is still room for improvement. Mr. Lightwood's impersonation of the Lord Chancellor was without doubt the most finished and successful performance of any. His clever ‘business’ and the ease and naturalness with which he acts would do credit to an experienced member of ‘the profession.’ He was not in good voice and must have suffered a good deal of discomfort on that score, but he did not allow this to interfere with his performance of the part. Mr. Stokes as Lord Mountarvel gave an excellent account of the music that fell to him. Mr. Greig was evidently suffering from a severe cold and although he made a gallant attempt to get out his upper notes was unable to do so. Mr. Grace as Strephon was as great a favourite as before. The ladies all showed that they had profited by increased familiarity with their parts. Particularly was this the case with the three fairies, Lilo, Celia and Flora, who sang and acted charmingly. Miss Stopani's singing all through was warmly applauded, and in ‘Oh, foolish gay’ she received a double encore.

#### THE 88TH REGIMENT MUSKETRY COMPETITIONS.

##### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of Colonel Bond's Shield and Colonel Anderson's Cup, the two great trophies for shooting competition for during the year by the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, were presented to the winners this morning by H. E. Lieut.-General Cameron, C. B. There was a special parade for the purpose at 7.45, and the officers present were:—Colonel Anderson, Major Ellis, Major Churchill, Capt. Fawcett (Adjutant), Capt. Collinson, Capt. Bolton, Capt. Copland, Lieutenant Fricker, Smith, Graham, Brunwell, Pedler, Higginbotham, Huntsman, Johnstone, Powell, and Sillifant.

Col. Anderson, addressing General Cameron, before asking him to present the prizes, said—Your having been pleased to attend last year to present Colonel Bond's Shield to the winning Company, and your kindly consenting to present the coveted trophy this year again shows the great interest you take in musketry. As you well know, the soldier who cannot use his rifle effectively and does not know its power is perfectly useless for service. The shooting in the shield competition, taking it all round, was very good. The teams were well-trained and well-selected for the event, and some of the individual scores were very good, especially that of Sergt. Fricker, who made 95 out of a possible of 105. There was one thing unfavourable to good scoring, and that was that the firing took place in the afternoon, when the light and wind were not favourable; but the soldier in service must be able to shoot well in all sorts of weather, and that is the great test of the thoroughness of the knowledge he has of his weapon. ‘F’ Company, under command of Capt. Bolton, won the shield on this occasion in the final tie with ‘A’ Company, making 4/3 points, against ‘A’ Company's 43. ‘A’ Company were the winners last year. In the competition for my own Cup the practice which I selected were small company teams shooting at the running target, celerity and precision, and volleys at unknown ranges. The hits at the running target were two out of five. This may appear very small, but it does not take into consideration the fact that a certain proportion of the hits were ‘bull's-eyes’ these being simply recorded as hits. Then as to celerity and precision the mark was head-and-shoulders target exposed for one minute, unlimited rounds, and the hits were about five per man. For volleys at unknown ranges the practice was bad. ‘C’ Company was the only one that made a good score, but it was disqualified. In this description of shooting, the whole thing rests with the section commander. Unless he knows his work the whole practice fails. In bringing up ‘A’ section he must be able to take in the whole situation of the ground. He must rapidly bring up his section, estimate his distance and be most careful in seeing the result of every shot. As a rule all the shots were fired high. I hope that the lesson all ranks had when we had our practice at Lyeinian will never be forgotten. In the aggregate for this Cup the winning company was Captain Collinson's (‘A’), with a total of 673, and there were three other companies with a difference of only a few points. I have got to congratulate the Regiment on its excellent performance in the art of shooting. Within the last four years we have risen from the 46th to the 4th in the Army. During the present year's course of instruction were exercised and made an average of more than 24 above last year's average of 675. Of the men exercised I have 234 marksmen, 172 first-class shots, 160 seconds, and only 31 third-class, which is highly satisfactory. All this success is due entirely to the undivided interest taken in shooting by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, each individually striving to do his utmost to raise to the highest standard of proficiency in musketry the old Stooshie-the-Regiment into which they have thrown their fortunes—to raise that Regiment to the highest pitch of proficiency, so that it may not only be ready but able to uphold its high reputation whenever it may please His Majesty to command their services. I may mention that the amount of money spent by the Regiment in extra ammunition for rifle practice and competitions during the year was 2333, at the rate of £3.2.6 per 1000 rounds.

General Cameron said—Colonel Anderson, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, I congratulate you most cordially upon the great progress that has been made in the Regiment in the art of musketry during this time you have had in Hongkong. It is all very well for Colonel Anderson, in his modest way, to speak of the exertions of others, but I am sure, from all I have observed, that the great efficiency in this battalion is due more to him than to anybody else. Without his leadership, I take an interest in everything that contributes to efficiency, there won't be the same heart in the master, nor will the end be so well attained. Colonel Anderson has been most indefatigable in promoting by every means in his power the Musketry efficiency of the Regiment, and I congratulate him and you most warmly on the successful results that have been attained. With regard to his own Cup, I am very much pleased that it has been presented chiefly for efficiency in field practice, to which I pointed last year when I presented the challenge shield. You must separate military shooting from ordinary shooting. The great object of our practice is to make men good shots in the field; and what has pleased me more with this Regiment than anything else is the great advance that has been made in field firing. Field firing, of which you had very little before you came here, little or nothing, has improved in a most marked manner, from year to year, and I feel confident that if this Regiment took the field to-morrow to some point where he could see the dunes, let him look for a moment at the top of the hill, and then make him sit down, turn up his cap, and fire at once. Very well, that is a good practical test of efficiency in field firing, and I am sure that the 88th will do well.

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I am of opinion that Mr. Leigh has shown that the plan recommended by Mr. Cooper of a long line of intercepting levees on such

a very low level would be both costly, dangerous and unnecessary. Mr. Leigh's views which I do not fully agree with in principle, as they fall gradually as they could not quickly empty themselves, rather keep up a fast, though slow, but would keep the sewage hanging in them bottled under our feet, and consequently far more dangerous than it would be in the sea.

It seems to me a still further modification of the separate system would be advantageous. Why, for instance, should the intercepting sewer not be laid at an elevation sufficient to empty the hill from the Praya to give it an abundant fall to its outlet as far West as possible, thus gathering all the down-hill sewage above it, and carrying the sewage to the sea direct? We hope that like Szechuan, Kwang-800 (one says) he may make the title of *men-ka-shu-fish*, the living Buddha of 10,000! men!

A traveller from the wilds of Kwangtung told me the following weird story:—A native's wife was taken very ill, and before she died she told her husband, (with whom she had lived on the best terms, bearing him one son), ‘I have a secret to confide to you, which I never told before, for your sake and for the child's. When I die, do not nail up my coffin, but leave it for a time out on the mountain. There are two live fowls ready in the house, for after I have been dead a hundred days, I will return to the realm of living men for a time, and come back to our home. Fear not, but I make towards the child, offer me the two fowls, and say that you yourself will send that between the dead and the living a gift is fixed, and I should rest among the departed, and not come back to trouble the child. I will look at you fixedly for a spell, take the fowls, strengthen them and begin, never to return. My body will not lie down again in its coffin, but will be transformed into a living tiger, and if ever you come out to the place, and see the old fowl lying by the coffin, you will know that my words have come true.’ Holding her husband's hand, she expired. The old man, who had been a hardy and long-lived fowler, and who had been a member of the *men-ka-shu-fish* sect, was greatly grieved, and when the man visited the coffin some days after, he found the east-of-grave-lather, and when the child was born it was impossible to do so. Mr. Justice Andrews also concurred. The *men-ka-shu-fish* sect, however, did not accept the verdict of the court, and that the verdict should be changed into one for the defendants. I might be called a very hard case, but they could not allow hard cases to make bad laws. The Court must decide the case irrespective of questions of hardship. He was sorry to say the people did not frequently look very carefully at the conditions of these policies of insurance, and all he would say was that he advised them in future to do so, and if they found anything objectionable in them, they should go to some other company that would insure upon more favourable terms. Mr. Baron D'Aspre concurred. He would have been very glad indeed if they could have found the other way, but the clear case before them was impossible to do so. Mr. Justice Andrews also concurred. The *men-ka-shu-fish* sect, however, did not accept the verdict of the court, and that the verdict should be changed into one for the defendants was therefore made absolute.

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